

[7th April 1958]

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) There is no separate allotment of expenditure for Prohibition, since the enforcement of Prohibition has been transferred to the Inspector-General of Police, with effect from 3rd January 1955.

(b) A statement^a showing the particulars is placed on the table of the House.

(c) The number of persons sentenced to imprisonment was 34,762 and the number of persons fined was Rs. 85,230.

(d) The amount realized by way of fines was Rs. 26,94,891.08 naye paise.

Liquor permits

* 569 Q.—SRI A. VEDARATHNAM (on behalf of Sri P. G. Manickam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the number of persons in each district who have been given liquor permits in 1956 and 1957?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : ^b A statement giving the particulars is placed on the table of the House.

Prohibition Enquiry Committee.

* 570 Q.—SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have accepted and implemented the recommendations of the Prohibition Enquiry Committee under the Chairmanship of Sri Nachiappa Gounder;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The main recommendations of the Madras Prohibition Enquiry Committee, 1948, of which the late Sri K. A. Nachiappa Gounder was the Chairman, were as follows :—

(1) that the enforcement of Prohibition should be entrusted to the general Police;

(2) that amelioration work connected with Prohibition should be transferred to the Co-operative Department; and

(3) that the Prohibition Act should be amended in the light of certain recommendations made by the Committee.

Recommendation (1) above.—Enforcement of Prohibition was transferred to the Police Department *in toto* with effect from 3rd January 1955.